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SUBJ: SENEGALESE VIEWS ON WEST AFRICAN ISSUES

1. DURING CALL TO INTRODUCE VISITING AF/W ALTERNATE
DIRECTOR BISHOP JAN 9, SENEGALESE FONMIN CABINET DIR
YOUSSOUPH SYLLA CANDIDLY DISCUSSED SEVERAL REGIONAL
ISSUES WITH AMB AND BISHOP.

2. MALI/UPPER VOLTA: SYLLA SAID MEDIATION COMMISSION
MIGHT TAKE SOME OF TENSION OUT OF SITUATION, BUT UNLIKELY
BE ABLE RESOLVE DISPUTE, WHICH PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO BE
SOLVED BY TWO STATES THEMSELVES AND THIS LIKELY TAKE LONG
TIME. NOTING THAT TWO GOVTS HAD HAD AMPLE OPPOR-
TUNITY SINCE 1960 TO OBJECT TO 1947 BOUNDARY, AND
REPS FROM TWO AREAS TO FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
HAD SIMILAR POSSIBILITY IN EARLIER ERA, SYLLA
SUGGESTED MALI RAISED ISSUE AT PRESENT TIME (1) TO DIVERT
ATTN FROM SERIOUS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND
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(2)BECAUSE IT APPEARS THERE ARE MINERAL DEPOSITS IN

CONTESTED AREA. USG REPS NOTED CONCERN OF
US PUBLIC FOR WELFARE OF INHABITANTS SAHEL, AND USG HOPES
DISPUTE WOULD NOT DIVERT ATTN AND RESOURCES
FROM CONTINUING NEEDS OF POPULATIONS BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. GUINEA-BISSAU: SYLLA SAID GOS WOULD NOT ACT
PATERNALISTICALLY TOWARD GUINEA-BISSAU, PREFERRING TO
HEAR WHAT ASSISTANCE DESIRED RATHER THAN MAKING UN-
SOLICITED OFFERS. SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER DUE
DAKAR SAME DAY FROM BISSAU AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH IN-
CLUDED SENEGALESE ASSISTANCE. SYLLA SAID "FOR THE
MOMENT" GOS ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOGB, NOTING
THAT NATIONS BOUND TO HAVE UPS AND DOWNS IN THEIR
RELATIONS DURING COURSE OF HISTORY. SAID GOS HAD FOUND
G-B LEADERS PRACTICAL MEN NOT DOMINATED BY
IDEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS. CONTACTS WITH G-BISSAUANS
FACILITATED BY ETHNIC AFFINITY AND THEIR PRIOR EXPOSURE
FRANCOPHONE AFRICA. SYLLA WELCOMED NEWS US PLANNING
SEND REPS TO G-B FOR "PRISE DE
CONTACT".

4. CAPE VERDES: SYLLA SAID "SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST"
LISBON GOVT HAD ALLOWED PAIGC IMPOSE ITSELF ON
ISLANDS' POPULATION "FROM ABOVE", BUT REMAINS TO BE SEEN
HOW ACCEPTABLE THIS LEADERSHIP WILL BE TO CAPE VERDEANS.

5. GUINEA: GOS IS WITHHOLDING ANY JUDGMENT ON POSSIBLE
CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OF CONAKRY GOVT UNTIL MANIFEST
BY DEED RATHER THAN HINT OR WORD.

6. CEAO: WITH SECRETARIAT STILL IN PROCESS OF ORGANIZING
ITSELF, WORK HAS NOT YET BEGUN ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
AGREEMENTS REGARDING TARIFFS, INVESTMENT, ETC. MAKING
COMPARISON WITH EEC, SYLLA COMMENTED THAT PROCESS LIKELY
BE LENGTHY. REGARDING NIGERIA, SYLLA SAID CEAO
MEMBER STATES REMAIN FREE TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL ARRANGE-
MENTS, AND SOME REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE, "PROVIDED
THERE IS SOME COUNTER-BALANCE TO NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC
INFLUENCE."

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